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I would like to address the Proposed Final Judgment by saying that I feel that as it currently stands, it would not diminish the barrier to entry for Intel/x86-Compatible PC operating systems to compete with Windows. Much software that I use and maintain for my employment as a systems administrator is Free and Open Source Software which is clearly discriminated against by Microsoft and is not addressed in the Proposed Final Judgment.

I depend on software that must interoperate with Microsoft Windows Operating Systems. The developers of the software cannot fully interoperate with a Windows System unless Security APIs are available. By allowing Microsoft to keep document formats (an API) and Security APIs secret for their systems, competing operating systems, server software, and applications cannot interact effectively with Windows Operating Systems or compete against Microsoft Products. I find that this is a fatal flaw in the Proposed Final Judgment and allows Microsoft to continue in their arrogant, heavy handed business practices.

In short, I feel that the Final Judgment is a step in the right direction, however, it is nowhere near complete. This judgement, as it currently stands, is not in the public interest.

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